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to be preparing himself for a quest-referendum after his return; but he might go to every State of the Union and hear everywhere his League of Nations applauded by the unanimous vote of his fellow citizens, and yet his power to involve the country by treaty in that mess of responsibility and expenditure and sacrifice which is the aim of his life and the principal object of his efforts would be no greater than it is at present. While the Constitution stands President Wilson cannot revolutionize the Government by merely going forth and calling for popular support and at the same time constituting himself the interpreter of the public voice and the teller of its numerical significance.

The revolutionary change to which Senator Knox refers can be effected constitutionally only by constitutional amendment in the regular way. The constitutional process of amendment requires so much time that if the deftly interwoven treaty and covenant were made to await its conclusion peace would be postponed beyond all reason. That is exactly why Mr. Wilson has planned this fraud on the people, this tying up of the peace which the nation wants and the League covenant, for which we have no evidence of a national desire.

Not a word of the covenant must be changed by the Senate, President Wilson's followers in Paris are saying, according to Mr. Hill's despatch yesterday; there can be no amendment because it would be impossible to reconvene the Conference to approve the changes suggested by America; it must be all or nothing.

Unless America ratifies, and ratifies at once, it will be at a disadvantage with respect to the resumption of trade with Germany, said another despatch last night, alleging a previously unpublished clause in the treaty which provides that ratification by Germany and three of the principal associated Powers will bring the treaty into force. So if Great Britain, France and Italy, not really caring a copper about the covenant, should ratify, while the United States should refuse to ratify or try to amend, we could not resume commercial relations with Germany, while our associates could.

In line with this attempted pressure are the more or less intelligent denunciations by our neighbor the World of what it calls "obstruction" in the Senate. Our neighbor mysteriously informs "Senators like Loror" that they are "playing with dynamite, and that dynamite is a highly dangerous commodity."

We haven't the slightest idea what the World means by its dynamite argument or warning; but if it means that something disastrous would happen to the country if the Senate should refuse to ratify a treaty it believed to be unconstitutional or even inexpedient the last word has not yet been spoken on that subject.

It is nonsense to assume that the rejection of the covenant or the amendment of its terms would wreck the peace for which the people yearn. Covenant or no covenant, treaty or no treaty, the return of peace might be proclaimed by the same constitutional authority which declared the war; namely, by bill or joint resolution of Congress. And then if the President should refuse to accept peace and approve the bill or joint resolution, who would then be the wrecker of peace?

The Man Who Was Reconciled.
Once there was a man who lived in New Jersey because he could not afford to live in New York and worked in New York because he could not afford to work in New Jersey.
He had a wife and three children and a house and a motor car and a dog and a business and an income of three or four thousand dollars.
The city where he worked taxed his business through his rent. The town where he lived taxed his home, including the amount for which it was mortgaged. It taxed him a personal tax for owning the car and a school tax for having the children and a dog tax for having the dog.
The State in which he lived taxed him for running the car. The State in which he worked taxed him for having a business, for making a profit and for having an income.
The country in which he lived taxed him for earning more than \$2,000 a year, for sending a telegram, for riding on a train and for eating a glass of ice cream soda for his luncheon after the tax on clubs had driven him out of his lunch club. It taxed his hat and his shoes and his wife's hat and shoes and underwear.
"I don't see why this tax business isn't done thoroughly," said the man finally. "I've been reading up on the subject and I find that they used to tax a man for the number of windows he had in his house." Hearing this, they carried him away in a taxed taxicab to an overtaxed straitjacket after it was explained that the Internal Revenue Bureau had decided that that garment was a corset and therefore taxable.

Colonel Bill Hayward's Reprehensible Obtuseness.
Colonel Bill Hayward, who organized the Fifteenth Regiment, N. G. N. Y., and after its transformation into a unit of the United States Army commanded its black heroes through their service in France, frequently commands the sympathetic attention of philosophic citizens because of his apparent lack of comprehension of matters which are plain as daylight to others.
We have heretofore explained to Colonel Hayward how erroneous was his notion that his men did not receive their pay regularly in France.

He and the smoked Yankees he led may have thought they were not paid regularly, but men who were not confused by the heat and turmoil of the battlefield know, on the assurances of the War Department, that every American soldier, wherever stationed, got his pay with the most commendable punctuality.
It gratifies us to observe that since we spoke in a friendly but firm tone to Colonel Hayward on this subject he has not publicly exposed his ignorance concerning it.
But his natural instinct to misunderstand and to misinterpret has unfortunately been too strong for him to overcome, and at the Republican County Committee meeting on Thursday evening, inflamed it may be by reminiscence of affection and respect for the dark skinned Americans who obeyed his orders in war, he protested against the lynching, reported from Mississippi, of a negro girl for the offense of sending an insulting letter to a white woman. Colonel Hayward went so far as to say:

"The thought occurred to me that in view of the sacrifices the negro soldiers made in this war to make the world safe for democracy it might not be a bad idea to make the United States safe for democracy."
Obviously Colonel Hayward's mind is incapable of the fine delimitation of obligations, the exquisite differentiation of responsibilities, which are requisite for the proper and orderly discussion of the projects of a world statesman soaring above the parochial duties imposed by merely national considerations. His intellect does not enable him to master the policy which protects the Jugo-Slavs, the Czechoslovaks and the Armenians while ignoring a large and interesting fraction of the population of the United States. He is one of those shortsighted individuals whose opinion of another man is influenced by that person's desire and ability to keep his own back yard clean before he begins to order the affairs of the residents of an adjoining county.
We cherish no hope of seeing Colonel Bill Hayward selected by Woodrow Wilson for a job under the League of Nations.

Help the Salvation Army.
Everybody who knows what the Salvation Army did for our soldiers in France, and that means everybody in America, knows that it brought more than \$13,000,000 worth of cheer and comfort to them. But in its campaign to raise a Home Service Fund of that amount it is not asking for payment of a debt; it is merely seeking means with which it can work harder than ever at its old task of doing good to men and women in distress of body or mind; of caring for children, reclaiming outcasts in prison and out, finding jobs for people who cannot help themselves, maintaining homes and hospitals, and in scores of other ways ministering to the material and spiritual needs of suffering and unfortunate humanity.
This opportunity for the American people, and New Yorkers in particular, to show their good will to an organization which has devoted itself to good works in the United States for thirty-nine years, and which won the affection and gratitude of the American army by bringing aid and comfort to the front fighting line, opens formally to-morrow, and the actual money raising campaign begins on Monday and continues for one week. One other reason why it deserves support is that if the Salvation Army can finance its endeavors in this manner its trained social workers can devote all their time to doing good instead of wasting half of it in taking up collections with their tambourines in public places, as they have had to do in the past.
The Salvation Army gave doughnuts to the men in France. Now is the time to give dollars in return.

The Allies at Smyrna.
A despatch from Athens announces the occupation of the Turkish town of Smyrna and a portion of the Asia Minor coast by Greek military and naval forces. This has been supplemented by the information from Paris that the occupation was in accordance with a mandate to Greece to administer Smyrna, that troops are being concentrated there from Salonica and that the Allies and the United States have sent naval contingents to the scene of the landing.
The landing force of the Greeks is reported to be one entire army division under the protection of two battleships and four cruisers. The allied contingents were drawn from the Adriatic and Black Sea fleets, and include, besides British, French and Greek ships, four Italian battleships and the United States battleship Arizona and four destroyers. The coast which is to be included in the occupied territory, as reported from Athens, is described as extending from Alvaly to Vorraria, the points on the mainland which are opposite Chios and Mytilini, two of the larger islands claimed by the Greeks. But considering the size of the naval force which has been ordered to these waters it is safe to assume that a greater extent of the Asia Minor coast is to be included.
The permission for the Greek occupation of Smyrna is credited to a request made to the Peace Conference by Premier Venizelos. It is more over likely that the whole action is due to the representations which he has been making regarding the protection of the Christian races in Asia Minor and of the peril in which they will be placed if an attempt is made to enforce in the region peace terms unfavorable to Turkey. The Greeks, he held, have been and will be the principal sufferers, as these

represented by far the largest and most active element of the non-Moslem population.
The occupation of Smyrna places in the hands of the Allies the strongest point on the Asia Minor coast. The development of its harbor has made it easily the most important seaport; it is next to Damascus, the largest town in Asiatic Turkey and it is not without reason called by the Turks "the eye of Asia Minor." Its population is a strange collection of Levantine people who adhere to their own customs and methods of living in clearly marked quarters of the town. The largest of these quarters is unquestionably that of the Greeks, who claim a representation of 248,479 as against 95,500 Turks, the next largest unit of the population.
The permanent occupation of Smyrna would undoubtedly be a realization of one of the greatest dreams of the Greek expansionists. It would give them not only the most coveted seaport of the coast but also control over a territory inhabited largely by Greek people. There is so far, however, nothing to indicate that the Greek occupation is to be more than temporary, although the news of the landing of the troops at Smyrna is reported to have been received at Athens with "the greatest enthusiasm."
The movement in its present phase would appear to have for its purpose the protection of the non-Moslem people of the Asia Minor littoral and at the same time to be a preparatory step in the administration of the region to be decided upon by the Peace Conference at Paris.

The Sun said yesterday it took no stock in the Washington gossip which represented Major-General Enoch H. Croom, Judge Advocate General, as seeking an excuse or opportunity to quit the army in order to avoid participation in the ill tempered discussion of the court-martial system which has been in progress some time and which threatens to continue with increasing acrimony. Our judgment has been promptly confirmed; General Croom has telegraphed to the Secretary of War that he is not going to resign, that he has received no offer of employment from the Republic of Cuba, and that it is his desire "to appear before the committee of Congress respecting any investigation which Congress may conduct touching the administration of military justice. This puts a period to an incident which has curiously exposed the gullibility of some persons and revealed in others an ignorance of psychology almost Prussian in its abysmal depths.

A recommendation to grant women equal rights in church and state was before commissioners of the Presbyterian Church in the United States here to-day at the second day's session of the 131st General Assembly.—Despatch from N. Y. Times.

The women certainly have earned recognition of their church activities; to call removing the disabilities under which they labor a grant of "sex equality" sounds, however, like a poor jest. In church matters generally women contribute more than men; they are more conscientious and more practical all the work that is done. It is interesting to speculate upon the fate of the churches if the women should give to their work no more thought and labor than many of their brothers do.

A Department of Justice automobile loaded with whiskey and chugging along Maryland roads on its way from Baltimore to the District of Columbia to aid in irrigating Washington was held up and its chauffeur arrested and charged with an offense against these United States under the Reed amendment. No trade development since the signing of the armistice has so clearly shown the great peace prosperity enjoyed by the automobile industry. See what it means when Baltimore and Washington with their combined enterprise and wealth are unable to find commercial trucks in sufficient number and tonnage to carry on only one of the lines of trade congesting the arteries of transportation between Maryland's metropolis and the Federal capital! Pessimists about the revival of business should take note.

If the announcement that "The New York income tax resembles the Federal law in many respects" includes among those respects a resemblance between questionnaires there will also probably be a similarity in the resulting headaches.

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE in his communications from Paris remains obdurately resistant to comfort since his Pinkie opportunity faded like the memory of a perfume. "France," he sneers, "realizes that the gesture of humiliation is about all she will get from Germany." And a few billion francs, WILLIAM, lots of coal, restocking of the railways, the referee's decision in addition.

The racing season is well under way both in New York and Maryland, but by far the most popular track is the transatlantic aerial.

Now it is alleged that it was war and that troublesome Imp Dan Cupid in combination in restraint of trade that so depleted the force of telephone operators that the service suffered during the last two years. War has ceased, but the tireless Dan goes on, his mischief, suggesting rings and orange blossoms and gentle "I will" to girls the public want only to hear gently say "Number, please?"

The Post Office Department has instituted a course of instruction in the address of letters but not in the delivering of them.

What a Printer Does With Old Safety Razor Blades.
From the American Printer.
With the increased cost of living one printer found it necessary to dispense with safety razors, and instead adopted the safety razor wire.
Now, after the safety razor blades become too dull for his beard, the printer finds them still useful for many other purposes, such as press make ready, cutting out mats for pictures, "lifting" from printers' journals; manhandling his fingers; great on a paper cutter for shaving the job when the machine knife doesn't cut the stock; fine as ink eraser; just the thing for sharpening pencils; very efficient as a cigar cutter (he has many); and for paring corns, the printer claims the safety blades have no equal.

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Your starry flag unfurled
On land and sea and in the air
Is leading all the world.
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You champion the weak,
And monarchs wait upon you and
And tumble when you speak.
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The home of Liberty.
We dedicate this day to you
And swear to keep you free.
Your cities fair and fertile fields
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